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1.	0001		Bn NCS/Journal Opens.	JS	JB
2.	0230		Bde NCS/Bn Sig Off: SOI Changes. 1st Cav SOI effective 1900-0001 hrs. 19 Dec 70 change 450-142/8 Cav G/O (P) 45.05, 2/8 A/L 56.95. 846-14 Div Arty base defense Arty 59.00.	JS	JR
3.	0520		Bde S3/Bn S3: CC aircraft #352 ETA-0700 hrs. Log aircraft #398 ETA-0800 hrs.	JS	JR
4.	0600		All Units/Bn NCS: A Co, B Co, D Co, 21st and Lam Dong Intell plts. FSB Rash from 0100-0600 hrs. gave negative situation reports.	JS	EH
5.	0710		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: Weather Report. Visibility 7 miles, ceiling scattered, Max temperature 90, Min temperature 66.	JS	JR
6.	0745		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team working the YT 4788 on the river and to the south.	JS	EH
7.	0800		B Co/Bn NCS: B Co at YT 554898 would like an aircraft to give them a vector to a pad.	JS	EH
8.	0830		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team at 0805 hrs. at YT 714879 saw 1 NS trail 1 ft. wide with LRU in the last week, also 1 corn field 30x50 ft. unharvested, 1 hootch 8x10 ft. destroyed, at 0815 hrs. at YT 710849 saw 2 hootches 8x8 ft. NRU, destroyed.	JS	RD

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9.	0840		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team given clearance by JM to work in boxes 69, 70, 79, 80.	JS	EH
10.	0845		Bn Sig Off/Bde Sig Off: Request frequency and call signs for MACV Advisor at Bao Loc. Call Sign: Shorttimer 79, not sure of 79. Frequencies: 43.20, 43.25.	JS	JR
11.	0900		Bn S3/Bde S3: Tentative Plans for 20 Dec 70. A(-) Will conduct G/R(ground recon) to YT 535985. 1/A will conduct G/R to YT 547858, 3/A will conduct G/R to YT 535988, B(-) will conduct G/R to YT 550900, 1/B will conduct G/R to YT 549902, 2/B will conduct G/R to YT 553898, C(-) will be base defense at FSB Dragon Head, 2/C will be base defense at FSB Rash, D(-) will conduct G/R to YT 595954, 1/D will conduct G/R to YT 601957, 3/D will conduct G/R to YT 580952, E Rcn will conduct G/R to YT 489920, YT 487921, YT 485915, E(-) has 2 mortar tubes at FSB Rash 1 FSB Thomas, 1 opcon 2nd Bde, 124 RF will conduct G/R to YT 689993.	JS	JR
12.	0930		Bn Sig Off/Bde Sig Off: Use of secure radio in the last 24 hrs. A Co-NCS: 1945-1950, 0612-0615, B Co-NCS: 0607-0610 hrs. C Co-NCS: FSB		

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12.	0930		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2: Dragon Head, D Co-NCS 0635-0640 hrs. NCS-NCS(A): 1320-1325, 1705- 1710, 0625-0630, A/L(fwd)-A/L(rear): 1055-1100 1430-1445, 1700-1715, 2025-2055, A/L(fwd)-Log aircraft 0845-0853.	JS	JR
13.	1000		All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A(-) YT 556893 2A3/A YT 555893, 1/A YT 548865, B(-) YT 554898, 1/B YT 550904, 1st sqd 2/B YT 556892, 2nd sqd 2/B YT 554893, 3/B YT 548894, C(-) FSB Dragon Head, 2/C FSB Rash, D Co YT 595969, E Ron YT 489920, YT 487921, YT 485915, 21st Intell plts. FSB Dragon Head.	JS	RD
14.	1012		Bde S3 Asst/Bn NCS: Bde CO inbound to FSB Dragon Head from FSB Snuffy and will meet Bn CO at a place of his choosing in the next 20- 25 minutes, TOD-1130 hrs. enroute to Song Be.	JS	MD
15.	1015		Bde S2/Bn S2: Request hard targets for skyspots Bn S2 for 19 Dec 1115 hrs. at YU 725034 center of mass YT 704985, hootch complex and contact area.	JS	MD
16.	1030		Bn S5/Bde S5: Send a representative down to 1/8 hook pad to guide 8 ARVN NCO's to Bde.HQ, aircraft inbound.	JS	MD

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17.	1045		Bde S3 Aast/Bn NCS: Be prepared to insert ORF/ RRF for blues insertion at 1000 hrs. at YT 498887. Call sign-Tango Hero's White. on 48.65. Grid insertion YT 504885. inserted at 1110 hrs. LZ-green. JS JM		
18.	1138		Bn S2/Bde S2: Mission request for 20 Dec 70. VR for A Co, B Co, and D Co. SLAR for 1/8 AO. IR for along Dong Nair River. Sniffer for 5186. 5183, 5683, 5686. box 79. JS MD		
19.	1200		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team at YT 504885 found 4-500 lbs of rice, 1 hootch 15x15 ft. 1 fish net, 1 drying rack. JS RD		
20.	1243		21st and Lam Dong Intell plts./Bn NCS: AIR LIFT. 1 hook sortie from FSB Dragon Head to Bao Loc. 1st PZ-1112 hrs. 1st LZ-1132 hrs. 2nd PZ-1152 hrs. 2nd LZ-1218 hrs. lift completed 1240 hrs. JS RD		
21.	1400		All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A Co no comma. B Co YT 550904, C(-) FSB Dragon Head, 2/C FSB Rash, D(-) YT 596968, 1&2/D YT 596969, E Ren YT 489920, YT 487921, YT 485915, 124 RF FSB Dragon Head. PDS. A Co 3 off, 14 nco, 43 em, 10 att, T-70, B Co 4 off, 14 nco, 56 em, 13 att, T-87, D Co 6 off, 15 nco, 52 em, 11 att, T-84, E Ren 1 off, 7 nco, 24 em, 11 att, T-43, 124 RF		

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21.	1400		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4: T-52. FSB Rash 4 off. 15 neo, 60 em, T-79. FSB Dragon Head 16 off. 46 neo, 146 em, T-208.	JS	RD
22.	1405		Div CO/Bn NCS: Div CO arriving FSB Dragon Head. TOD-1435 hrs. negative comments.	JS	MD
23.	1410		Bde LNO/Bn NCS: Bde CO, Bde Sig Off, Bde S3 Asst. Bde CO's Asst inbound to D Co at YT 593970.	JS	MD
24.	1455		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team at 1400 hrs. at YT 510896 saw 1 hootch 15x15 ft. destroyed, 4 eggs. 1 2x3 ft. bunker, 1 15x20 ft. hootch destroyed, 150 lbs. rice destroyed, 1 lean to, 1 fish net, 1 basket, at YT 508896 saw 1 hootch 10x10 ft. destroyed, 1 10x15 ft. hootch destroyed, at 1410 hrs. at YT 514885 saw 1 NE-SW trail 1 1/2 ft. wide with LRU in the last 24 hrs. which led to 1 10x15 ft. hootch destroyed, at 1430 hrs. at YT 508883 saw 1 hootch 10x15 ft. destroyed.	JS	MD
25.	1625		Bn CO/Bn NCS: Bn CO at YT 574905 spotted 1 campfire from CC aircraft, are engaging with Arty.	JS	DC
26.	1635		G2 Sensor CO/Bn S2: Sensor people cannot pick up their people on 16.07. Our S2 can test the		

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26.	1635		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5: device before sending it out by touching the wires together or breaking the beam.	JS	DC
27.	1702		Bde S2/Bn S2: Blues findings: YT 504885 1 20" rope, 2 garden tools, 10 baskets rice total 700lbs 1 spear, 3 axes, 1 letter opener. At YT 509885 1 structure 8x10 ft. 1 lean-to, 1 fish net, all was destroyed, rice was trampled Arty also was employed.	JS	JB
28.	1745		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Air Request for 20 Dec. 1 UH1H CC/Log aircraft with left jump seat to report to Song Be on FM 47.10 at 0700 hrs. to 33Z(commo rear) and then to FSB Dragon Head on FM 44.05 to Farmer 9(TOC RTO), 1 log aircraft same as above.	JS	JR
29.	1750		Bde S2/Bn S2: Reference the individuals taken to Song Be 18 Dec, there were 13 people in all 3 males, 7 females, 3 children, individuals were associated with K-29; village is east of Dong Nai River; individuals report another village north of river approx. 20 individuals in it. Individuals are in bad shape due to rice shortage.	JS	EC
30.	1805		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: MORTAR REPORT. FSB Dragon Head		

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30.	1805		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6: Line 1 E-60/16, G-6/0. line 2 E-2, G-1, FSB Rash line 1 64/28, G-26/0. line 2 E-2, G-2.	JS	MD
31.	1830		Bn S3/Bde S3: Final Plans for 20 Dec 1970. A(-) will conduct G/R(ground recon) to YT 547903, 1/A will conduct G/R to YT 536860, 3/A will conduct G/R to YT 546901, B(-) will conduct G/R to YT 558906, 1/B will conduct G/R to YT 556908, 2/B will conduct G/R to YT 559901, C(-) will be base defense at FSB Dragon Head, 2/C will be base defense at FSB Rash, D(-) will conduct G/R to YT 595957, 1/D will conduct G/R to YT 589966, 2/D will conduct G/R to 601957, E Ren will conduct G/R to YT 485915, YT 489920, YT 487921, E(-) has 2 mortar tubes at FSB Rash, 1 FSB Thomas, 1 opcon 2nd Bde, 124 RF will conduct G/R to YT 689993.	JS	JB
32.	1845		All Units/Bn NCS: CLOSING LOCATIONS. A(-) YT 550904, 1/A YT 541860, B Co YT 550904, C(-) FSB Dragon Head, 2/C FSB Rash, D(-) YT 595965, 1&2/D YT 597970, E Ren (-) YT 485915, 2/E YT 489920, 3/E YT 487921, 124 RF YT 686984, A Co has 2 AA(auto-ambush). B Co has 2 AA, D Co has		

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32.	1845	CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7: 3 AA, E Rcn abas 2 AA. 124 RF has 1 AA. B Co has 1 scout dog team, all other units have negative scout dog teams. All units have negative snipers. All units have green on malaria. A Co has 1 night manned ambush at YT 541860. E Rcn has 3 night manned ambushes YT 485915, YT 487921, YT 488920, all other units have negative night manned ambushe.	JS DC	
33.	2358	All Units/Bn NCS: A CO, B Co, 124 RF, FSB Rash, from 2000-2400 hrs. gave negative situation reports.	JS DC	
34.	2359	DAILY SUMMARY: CONTACT: Negative, negative cache, Air Lifts: 21st and Lam Dong Intell plts. DX with 124 RF by hook from FSB Dragon Head to Bao Loc and vice versa. Significant Events: Blues 1/9 Cav at YT 504885 found 700 lbs. of rice, Washington Post reporter arrived at FSB Dragon Head today to do story on GI's at Christmas Season.	JS WL	
35.	2400	JOURNAL CLOSED.	JS JB	
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